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SUBJ: SECRETARY HAIG'S TOAST AT WELCOMING
BANQUET IN BEIJING

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE TOAST (AS PREPARED FOR
DELIVERY) GIVEN BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE
ALEXANDER M. HAIG AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET HOSTED BY
CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA
ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 14, 1981, AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE
PEOPLE IN BEIJING:

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MR. VICE PREMIER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

YOUR GRACIOUS AND ELOQUENT REMARKS HAVE MADE ME

FEEL TRULY WELCOME.

ON BEHALF OF MY ENTIRE DELEGATION, I WANT TO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, UNIQUE IN ALL THE
WORLD.

NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO
VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE PARTICI-
PATED IN THE HISTORIC RENEWAL OF CONTACTS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA. OUR RAPPROACHMENT WAS BASED ON STRONGLY
HELD NATIONAL INTERSTS AND THE INTERVENING YEARS
HAVE CONFIRMED THAT JUDGMENT. CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR
TWO NATIONS HAVE GROWN; FRIENDSHIP HAS FLOWERED;
AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN SERVED. OUR RELATIONS
ARE NOW FIRMLY BASED ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT
NORMALIZED OUR DIPLOMATIC TIES.

FOUR AMERICAN PRESIDENTS -- INCLUDING PRESIDENT
REAGAN -- HAVE ATTACHED THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO
THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS
WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. OUR COOPERATION SERVES OUR
MUTUAL INTERESTS: IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND
STABILITY, NOT ONLY IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION BUT
ALSO TO THE WORLD. I HAVE COME TO CHINA IN
RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT.

CHINESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION IS ALL THE MORE
IMPORTANT TODAY, WHEN WE CONFRONT SERIOUS THREATS
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TO PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, YOUR STATESMEN HAVE BEEN
WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF AGGRESSION FOR SOME TIME.
YOU HAVE LONG ARGUED FOR CONCERTED ACTION TO PREVENT
SUCH DANGERS.

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED
STATES, WORKING WITH ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS, WILL
ACT WITH COURAGE AND CONSISTENCY TO RESIST AGGRESSION.
IN THIS EFFORT, THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS CHINA TO
BE A CLOSE AND VALUED FRIEND. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS
ARE PARALLEL IN MANY RESPECTS; OUR POLICIES CAN
OFTEN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. WE REGARD CHINA'S
STRENGTH, SECURITY AND WELL-BEING AS FUNDAMENTAL TO
THE GLOBAL BALANCE THAT IS THE BASIS FOR OUR OWN
SECURITY.

THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO THE STEADY
STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS. IT WAS MY HONOR
TODAY, MR. VICE PREMIER, TO EXPLORE WITH YOU WAYS
TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, BOTH WITH YOU AND OTHER CHINESE
LEADERS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I PROPOSE A TOAST:

-- TO THE HEALTH OF CHINA'S LEADERS;
-- TO YOUR HEALTH, MR. VICE PREMIER; AND
-- TO GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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